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2016 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION STATE SYMPOSIUM

Registration is open for the 2016 Environmental Education State Symposium to be held February 19-20, 2016 at the Baton Rouge Marriott.

More information is available at the symposium website: <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/louisiana-environmental-education-symposium> and the online registration form can be found at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/webform/2016-louisiana-environmental-education-state-symposium>

This year's conference hotel is the Baton Rouge Marriott, located at 5500 Hilton Avenue in Baton Rouge. The conference room rate is \$95 per night if booked **before January 19, 2016**. [Follow this link](#) to book your room online or call 225-924-5000.

Educators whose travel distance makes overnight stay a requirement are invited to apply for lodging assistance. A limited number of assistance awards are available, so please fill out and mail in this [lodging assistance form](#) as soon as possible. It is the recipient's responsibility to make his or her own hotel reservation prior to the Baton Rouge Marriott's January 19th deadline. Award recipients must register for the conference and are **still responsible for registration fees**.

The Louisiana Environmental Education Commission is still seeking presenters and exhibitors for the 2016 Louisiana Environmental Education State Symposium. The symposium is an annual event aimed at providing formal and non-formal environmental educators from Louisiana and the surrounding region with up-to-date environmental education information and techniques.

Exhibitors can find the exhibitor information form at http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/document/39572-2016-environmental-education-state-symposium-exhibitor-information/exhibitor_information_20161.pdf and can register online at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/webform/2016-louisiana-environmental-education-symposium>.

Presenters will conduct 50-minute sessions featuring exemplary programs, hands-on workshops, or lesson demonstrations. Educators who wish to present a session at the 2016 Environmental Education State Symposium, please visit our online proposal form at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/2016-environmental-education-state-symposium-presenter-proposal-form>.



CONTINUING EDUCATION

PROJECT WET WORKSHOP

Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) is a standards-based, water conservation education curriculum (suitable for all ages) funded in part by an EPA water quality initiative. Acadiana educators have the opportunity to attend a workshop on this exciting, experiential-based curriculum at Longfellow-Evangeline State Historic Site on Wednesday February 10, 2016 from 9am – 3pm. [Follow this link](#) to download the registration flyer.

GRADUATE STUDIES OPPORTUNITIES

Miami University's Project Dragonfly is accepting applications for 2016 Earth Expeditions graduate courses that offer extraordinary experiences in 15 countries throughout the world. New in 2016 are courses in Galápagos and Paraguay. <http://EarthExpeditions.MiamiOH.edu/informaledusa>

Earth Expeditions can build toward the Global Field Program (GFP), a master's degree that combines summer field courses worldwide with web learning communities so that students can complete the GFP master's part-time from anywhere in the United States or abroad. <http://GFP.MiamiOH.edu/informaledusa>

Project Dragonfly also offers graduate courses and the Advanced Inquiry Program (AIP) master's degree co-delivered by premier learning institutions in Cincinnati, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, New York, Phoenix, San Diego and Seattle. The AIP master's takes place on-site and near AIP Master Institutions and through web-based learning communities. <http://AIP.MiamiOH.edu/informaledusa>

CONTEST

EPA ISSUES NUTRIENT RECYCLING CHALLENGE

The Nutrient Recycling Challenge is seeking ideas for cost-effective technologies that extract nutrients (nitrogen and/or phosphorus) from cow or hog manure and concentrate them into a usable and potentially marketable form. EPA will be looking for how an idea either improves upon some aspect of what technologies can do today, or achieves the above-stated goals in an entirely new way. Concept papers will be accepted from November 16, 2015 – January 15, 2016. Find out more at <https://www.challenge.gov/challenge/nutrient-recycling-challenge/>

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WHAT IS IN YOUR WATER

Louisiana DEQ recently launched a new commercial campaign to educate the public about contaminants in our water. Download the commercial [here](#) and find out more about DEQ's "Be the Solution" awareness program at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2953/Default.aspx>.

LIVING SHORELINES VIDEO

"Living shorelines" is a term used to define a number of shoreline protection options that allow for natural coastal processes to remain through the strategic placement of plants, stone, sand fill, and other structural and organic materials.

Restore America's Estuaries has produced a short video about living shorelines, available on Vimeo at <https://vimeo.com/140113632>.

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